

## House Resolution No.

**Whereas**, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding Missouri citizen who has distinguished herself through excellence in the workplace; and

**Whereas**, Misha Ann Hull Blakely, an esteemed resident of Cassville, Missouri, officially retired as Barry County County Collector on February 28, 2003, after a successful career that spanned an incredible twenty-two years; and

**Whereas**, Misha Blakely began her long and illustrious career in the Barry County Collector's Office as a Deputy in 1963, and was appointed Barry County Collector by Governor Kit Bond following the death of Collector Warren Drake in 1981; and

**Whereas**, a staunch Republican who has compiled an enviable list of service to the Republican Party at both the state and district levels, Misha Blakely has held several leadership positions with a number of professional organizations throughout her impressive tenure as County Collector, including President and Treasurer of the Missouri County Collectors Association, and member of the Missouri County Collectors Association Legislative Committee and the Missouri Association of County Officials Board of Directors; and

**Whereas**, Misha Blakely is an invaluable member of her community who has earned the praise and respect of many for her active affiliation with the Cassville Chamber of Commerce, Soroptimists, and Celestia #81 Order of the Eastern Star of Cassville; and

**Whereas**, a devout member of the First Christian Church of Cassville, Misha Blakely looks forward to her retirement so that she can enjoy more of life's simple pleasures, including swimming, shopping, traveling, and playing golf; and

**Whereas**, Misha Blakely has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family whose members include her devoted husband, Charles; her daughter, Symbra A. Boone, a seventh and eighth grade math teacher in Republic; her son-in-law, Garth Boone; and her two grandsons, Jordan and Aaron Trevor Boone:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in expressing our utmost appreciation to Misha Blakely for her four decades of unparalleled service to the Barry County Collector's Office and to the citizenry of Barry County, and in wishing her the long, relaxing, and rewarding retirement she so richly deserves; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Misha Ann Hull Blakely.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Larry Taylor  
District No. 68

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. \_\_\_\_, adopted \_\_\_\_\_, 2003.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker